(f) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard and by when such a laboratory is likely to be set up in Delhi: and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Details of some of the leading viral diagnostic laboratories in the Health Sector are given in enclosed Statement.

(b) and (c). Such facilities in Delhi are available at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, National Institute of Communicable Diseases and some other Government Hospitals.

(d) to (g). Yes, Sir. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has sent a request seeking financial help for establishing Serological Test Laboratory for viral infection in Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi. While there is presently no Central Government scheme to provide such assistance to the States, the feasibility of augmenting the existing facilities provided by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases at selected locations in the country including Delhi is being explored.

STATEMENT

1. National Institute of Virology, Pune.
2. All India Institute of Medical Science, New Delhi.
3. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi.
4. Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh.
5. Entero-virus Research Centre, Bombay
6. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore.
7. School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta.
8. King George Medical College, Lucknow.
9. King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Chennai.
10. Institute of Preventive Medicine, Hyderabad.
11. Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education, Pondicherry.
12. Christian Medical College, Vellore.

[English]

Condition of Ancient Temples and Monuments

1406. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the ancient temples and monuments of architectural importance are in a state of neglect and decay:

(b) whether it is also a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has prepared a catalogue of temples and monuments needing conservation and restoration: and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). There are 3574 monuments, sites and remains which have been declared Centrally protected monuments under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. Apart from normal maintenance and up-keep of these monuments, special repairs, for preservation and environmental development are taken up as per actual requirement. This is an on-going process constantly under review.

Nursing Schools in Bihar

1407. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Nursing Council has recognised some Nursing Schools in Bihar:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether students of such and other nursing schools in Bihar are denied opportunity of final examinations and pass course certificates for several years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to conduct examinations to save the future of the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, the Indian Nursing Council has recognised 10 Nursing Educational Institutions in Bihar.

(c) and (d). The Bihar Nursing Council is responsible for conducting the examination of nursing in the State. The Council is an autonomous body under the State Government. The Indian Nursing Council has reported that the Council has not conducted examinations for various nursing courses since 1990 due to a dispute relating to the post of Registrar of the Council. This matter was agitated before the High Court of Patna and despite Court directions to conduct the examination by 31.7.96, the same has not been complied with so far.

The matter has been taken up with the Bihar Government for early settlement.

Items Introduced in Canteen Stores Departments

1408. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (Hardoi) : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the new items introduced in the